IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT WESTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI WESTERN DIVISION

MAXUS METROPOLITAN, LLC,)	
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Plaintiff,)	
)	
V.)	Case No. 20-cv-00095-FJG
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TRAVELERS PROPERTY CASUALTY)	
COMPANY OF AMERICA,)	
)	
Defendant.)	
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<u>MOTION FOR JUDGMENT AS A MATTER OF LAW</u> PURSUANT TO FEDERAL RULE OF CIVIL PROCEDURE 50(a)(2)

Pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 50(a)(2), Defendant Travelers Property

Casualty Company of America (Travelers) seeks judgment as a matter of law on all of the claims
of Plaintiff Maxus Metropolitan, LLC (Maxus) because there is undisputed evidence that Maxus
intentionally concealed material facts concerning combustion byproduct test results and the
sprinkler break in Phase 5 of the Metropolitan apartment complex (the "Metropolitan").

Alternatively, Travelers is entitled to partial judgment as a matter of law on the following aspects
of Maxus' claims:

1) The jury could not reasonably conclude based on the evidence presented by Plaintiff Maxus Metropolitan, LLC (Maxus) that the remediation project that was conducted in Phases 1-4 of the Metropolitan apartment complex (the "Metropolitan"), at a total cost of approximately \$15.6 million, is covered by the insurance policy at issue (the "Policy").

- 2) The jury could not reasonably conclude that Maxus is entitled to coverage caused by water infiltration into Phases 1-4 of the Metropolitan because there is no evidence that it occurred during the policy period that ended on September 30, 2018.
- 3) The jury could not reasonably conclude that Maxus is entitled to Business Income and/or Rental Value losses attributable to being unable to rent Phases 1-4 based on the evidence presented by Maxus.
- 4) On Count II of Maxus' Petition, the jury could not reasonably conclude that Travelers vexatiously refused to pay the insurance claim at issue in violation of Mo. Rev. Stat. § 375.420.

The grounds for this motion are more fully stated in the accompany suggestions in support. For the reasons stated therein, the Court should grant judgment as a matter of law on all of Maxus' claims, or alternatively, grant partial judgment as a matter of law on the following:

- Maxus' claim for remediation of combustion byproducts in Phases 1-4 of the Metropolitan;
- 2) Maxus' claim for damage caused by water infiltration into Phases 1-4;
- 3) Maxus' claim for Business Income/Rental Value losses from Phases 1-4; and
- 4) Count II of the Petition, alleging vexatious refusal to pay under Mo. Rev. Stat. § 375.420.

If the Court grants the partial relief sought, the only issues submitted to the jury will be whether any additional amounts are owed with respect to Phases 5 and 6 of the Metropolitan.

Respectfully submitted,

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